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WASHINGTON, February 11, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 6 totaled an estimated 15.9 billion ton-miles, 10.8 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 6 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 90.3 billion ton-miles, 13.3 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 6 totaled 368,392 cars, 13.9 percent below 1981, and 1.5 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 15.8 percent in the East, 9.1 percent in the South, and 15.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 19 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Fourteen of the 21 groups declined from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended January 30 totaled 35,907 cars, up 6.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 64,395 trailers and/or containers, 5.0 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first five weeks of the year was 152,347 cars, 5.1 percent higher than last year, and 274,334 trailers and/or containers, up 4.6 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/6/82:

	Loadings in Week ended February 6, 1982		Change from Corresponding Week 1981			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	25,108	D	10,511	29.5	D	468	1.8
Other farm products	3,984	I	247	6.6	D	389	8.9
Metallic ores	18,543	D	6,222	25.1	I	2,557	16.0
Coal	107,141	D	3,947	3.6	D	2,014	1.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	8,546	D	1,827	17.6	I	274	3.3
Nonmetallic minerals	10,793	D	2,684	19.9	I	1,245	13.0
Grain mill products	14,048	D	2,067	12.8	D	490	3.8
Food and kindred products	14,952	D	2,030	12.0	D	21	0.1
Primary forest products	15,975	D	2,606	14.0	D	1,629	9.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	5,616	D	2,777	33.1	D	428	7.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	18,036	D	2,399	11.7	I	47	0.3
Chemicals and allied products	22,960	D	4,142	15.3	D	600	2.5
Petroleum products	4,918	D	1,185	19.4	D	486	9.0
Stone, clay and glass products	9,668	D	3,452	26.3	D	264	2.7
Coke	4,883	D	1,544	24.0	I	333	7.3
Metals and products	12,009	D	4,339	26.5	D	128	1.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	10,979	D	5,028	31.4	D	1,110	9.2
Waste and scrap materials	9,045	D	3,175	26.0	D	425	4.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,052	D	865	8.7	I	15	0.2
All other carloads	41,880	I	1,135	2.8	D	1,644	3.8
LCL traffic	256	D	5	1.9	I	62	32.0
Total Cars Loaded	368,392	D	59,423	13.9	D	5,563	1.5
Corresponding week of 1981	427,815						

	1982	1981	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (6 weeks)	2,077,146	2,478,617	D 16.2
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
5 Weeks cumulative	74.4	86.3	D 13.8
Week ended February 6	15.9	17.9	D 10.8
6 Weeks cumulative	90.3	104.2	D 13.3

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